

## PARTRIDGE HUNG AT FAYETTEVILLE

Legally Executed by Criminal Assault Committed Last February.

### A MORBIDLY CURIOUS CROWD

The History of the Crime Shows a Most Brutal Assault.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 6.—Walter Partridge, negro, was executed to-day inside the county jail for criminal assault on Mrs. L. I. Hales, a white widow, on the 1st of February. At 10 o'clock he walked to the ladder without assistance, climbed to platform and stood under the noose. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, and before the black cap was placed, Partridge shook hands with the sheriff, bade all good-by, and said he would meet them in heaven.

The trap was sprung at 10:10 o'clock, and the county physician pronounced him dead at 10:25. The nerve of Partridge never faltered from beginning to end. The execution produced no excitement in the city, but a large crowd of morbidly curious surrounded the outside of the jail.

On the afternoon of February 1st, Mrs. Lillian I. Hales, a poor, but respected, white widow, about twenty-five years old, accompanied by her son, four years of age, was met on the public highway three or four miles south of Fayetteville by Walter Partridge, a negro youth, formerly an operative in the Ashley-Bailey silk mills. He hailed her, and when she turned, he threw her down, and, with a bent back, he struck her in the throat with a broken-pointed pair of scissors, and, in spite of her resistance, criminally assaulted her.

Partridge was arrested that night at the house of his grandmother, by Officers Moore and Cockman. Moore testified that he examined the locality of the alleged assault; saw tracks of man and woman running; ground, grass and bushes were torn up, as if in a hard struggle; found a bundle left on the ground, identified by Mrs. Hales as her property; saw Mrs. Hales, who told the story of the crime; face was bloody and, only disheveled, showed that she had been badly used; saw blood on shirt of the prisoner. Officer Cockman corroborated Moore. The county coroner, Dr. J. V. McGowan, testified that throat and neck of Mrs. Hales were swollen, and there was wound up of a stab with blunt instrument.

A SPECIAL TRIAL.  
The prisoner was carried to jail amid much excitement, but with no threats of lynching. A bill was immediately passed through the Legislature, giving to the civil term of Superior Court in February criminal jurisdiction to try Partridge. On the 20th of the month he was arraigned; and, after a fair trial, the jury being drawn with the most scrupulous regard for his rights, and Judge Ferguson assigning as his counsel, Colonel W. V. Liles, as the result of the jury's verdict, Partridge was convicted and sentenced to hang April 6th.

### STORM WAS HEAVY.

Mrs. Baxley Reported to Have Been Beaten to Death by Wind.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SALISBURY, N. C., April 6.—A careful estimate to-night places the total losses in this city and surrounding community at no less than one hundred thousand dollars, as the result of the hurricane which struck Salisbury and Spencer at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The heaviest single loss here was sustained by Livingston College, the amount being placed at \$35,000. The losses in Spencer will aggregate about \$10,000.

A Mrs. Baxley, of Rowan county, is reported to-night to have been beaten to death by the storm, in which she was caught while out visiting.



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## GOVERNOR GLENN PUTS IT UP TO THE JUDGES

Good Roads Association to Engage Expert Road Builder.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., April 6.—Governor Glenn says he is vexed at the practice of a number of the judges of the Superior Courts of imposing sentences of terms in the penitentiary or on the county roads and then in a few months writing the Governor beseeching letters for pardons to be granted. He says this is not treating the Governor right, and that the judges should not impose sentences heavier than should be served in full. The Executive Committee of the State Good Roads Association has decided to engage an expert road builder and engineer whose business it will be to go into any counties that may desire such assistance to direct the work of road building, the counties receiving such services to defray the expense. President James is here from Winston, and says he will probably issue a call for a meeting of the State Association to convene here during the Farmers' Convention to be held at the A. and M. College during August.

The directors of the State Hospital for the Insane at Raleigh direct Superintendent James McCreary and John W. Thompson, of Raleigh, to receive bids for the erection of the \$40,000 addition to the hospital building, the work to be gotten under way as soon as possible.

### DISPENSARY DEFEATED.

Loss of Prohibition Vote Aided the Saloons.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ASHVILLE, N. C., April 6.—Approximately three-fourths of those casting their ballots at to-day's election piled up an overwhelming majority against the establishment of a municipal dispensary in Asheville to replace the open saloons. The landslide was a surprise to the leaders of each side. The campaign was fought with a bitterness in the history of the city. The loss of the prohibition vote upon which the dispensary advocates had counted, proved a death blow.

### Guilford, 3; Boston, 9.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GREENSBORO, N. C., April 6.—In an exhibition practice game of baseball here this afternoon the Boston National League team defeated Guilford College by a score of 9 to 3. The Quakers being plainly outclassed. Lincolnton, N. C., won Murray first base for Guilford, doing exceptional playing. The batteries were for Guilford, Fred and Donnell, Boston, Young and Needham. Attendance, 200. Another game between same teams here to-morrow.

### Election Ordered.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 6.—An election is ordered in this city on the 1st Tuesday in May on the question of the issue of \$20,000 in bonds for enlargement of the electric light plant.

### Woman's Missionary Society.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 6.—The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will hold its fourteenth annual meeting in the Methodist church here, beginning Saturday, May 6th, and continuing until Tuesday, May 10th. Mrs. J. T. Williams, of Moorefield, W. Va., is president of the society, and Miss Belle M. Bennett, of Nashville, Tenn., president of the General Society of the whole Southern Methodist Church, will be one of the speakers.

The Business Men's Association has appointed a committee to arrange for a series of trade excursions by steamer from the Rappahannock River to this city.

## NAN PATTERSON'S FATHER SUMMONED

Must Tell the Grand Jury About Letters to J. Morgan Smith.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 6.—J. Randolph Patterson, father of Nan Patterson, the show girl, who is accused of killing Chesley Young, was summoned to-day to appear before the grand jury again to-morrow. It is stated that some of the letters found in the possession of Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, in Cincinnati, was from Patterson.

Assistant District Attorney Rand said to-day that he expects nothing affecting the Patterson case will be done at Cincinnati until next week.

Launching at Newport News, Saturday, April the 8th.

\$1.50 round trip, via C. & O. Express. Leave Richmond 9 A. M.

## SHOT DOWN BY FORMER FRIEND

W. P. Williams, Prominent Citizen, Is Mortally Wounded.

### FLED, PURSUED BY POSSE

Young Richard Platt, Who Did the Shooting, Now Under Arrest.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ASHVILLE, N. C., April 6.—Word was received from Canton, N. C., last night to the effect that W. P. Williams, one of the most prominent citizens of Haywood county, had been shot and probably fatally wounded by Richard Platt, a young man of 22 years of age, belonging to one of the best known families of the county. Platt shot Williams from horseback while the latter was standing in the front yard, the would-be murderer immediately fled, but was later captured by a posse and taken to Waynesboro for safekeeping.

The cause of the trouble between the two men is unknown. They had apparently been the best of friends and had met often in the day on good terms. When Platt rode up to Mr. Williams's house, he is said to have begun abusing that gentleman and using profane language. He was requested by Mr. Williams to abstain from using such language in the presence of his son, a small boy, who was playing near by. A heated argument followed, which was terminated by Platt drawing a revolver and twice shooting the latter between the eighth and ninth ribs, passed through the body and lodged in the back just under the surface of the skin. Williams was at once carried into his house, while Platt rode quickly away. A physician was summoned who after an examination pronounced the wound fatal and death is said to be a matter of only a few hours.

A posse was quickly formed and led by a deputy sheriff proceeded to the home of Platt's brother, two and a half miles from town, where Platt was arrested just as he was entering the house. He made no resistance. He was quickly brought to Canton and later removed to Waynesville, as public sentiment was much aroused and it was feared that trouble might ensue. Platt refuses to make any statement in regard to the shooting.

Mr. Williams was forty years of age, has a wife and two sons. Those who know both Platt and Williams are at a loss to account for the deed.

### UNCLE AND NEPHEW.

Engagement of J. H. Phelps-Stokes and of James Stokes Also.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 6.—Following the announcement of the engagement of J. H. Phelps-Stokes to Miss Rose Pastor, comes the announcement of the engagement of his uncle, James Stokes, to Miss Florence Brooke Chatfield, daughter of Henry W. Chatfield, of Brooklyn. The announcement says:

"Miss Chatfield comes from an old New England family, and is descended from Commodore and General Hull, and is distantly related to Mr. Stokes through the Phelps and the old Stephen White family. Her residence is at Brookdale, Conn., the town being named after her mother's family.

"She was married to a short time, and for Europe, where Mr. Stokes has attended a world's conference in Paris of the Young Men's Christian Association."

### POWHATAN COURT.

A Large Crowd Present and Politicians Lost an Opportunity.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
POWHATAN, VA., April 6.—The Circuit Court opened on Monday with Judge W. A. Watson on the bench, and adjourned yesterday. Very little business was transacted, but there was a good crowd in attendance. Politics were little discussed. There was not a candidate for any of the State offices present.

The majority of the Powhatan people are in favor of Martin for Governor and J. T. Elyson, Lieutenant Governor, while there were some few Montague voters in the crowd, and Judge Mann had a few. Mr. L. Lee Danne announced his candidacy for clerk of Court and in the United States in not of all grades of coal as set forth by him as follows:

Year 1870, 15,332,222 tons; 1870, 30,807,333 tons; 1870, 14,571,670 tons; 1870, 14,223,603 tons; 1870, 289,084,027 tons; 1902, 301,590,429 tons; 1904, 346,437,000 tons.

The output of coal in the United States last year is thus shown to have been 345,437,000 tons, worth at the pit's mouth, \$23,960,000, while the value of the coal produced was, perhaps, \$320,000,000, and the value of gold produced was about \$80,000,000.

Picking out typical coal-producing States in the South, their tonnage development in recent years is shown in the following:

1870. 1900. 1904.

Virginia. 61,000 2,233,704 3,500,000

Tennessee. 22,447,000 80,500,000 80,500,000

Kentucky. 153,400 3,500,000 4,750,000

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